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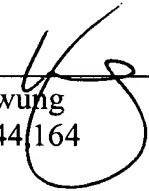
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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 9, 2004

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2004 ("the Office Action") for the above-referenced application. The Office Action states that the currently presented claims, as amended in the response filed May 12, 2004, are drawn to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, Applicants filed a divisional application on August 31, 2004, to prosecute said claims.

The Examiner set a one (1) month period for reply. This response is submitted before the current due date of September 9, 2004, and it is believed that no fees are due. However, should a fee be deemed due in order to maintain co-pendency of this application and the divisional application, please apply the charges (or any credits) to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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